

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re application of: GRATTON, Jason et al.

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For: ABLATIVE COMPOSITE ASSEMBLIES AND JOINING METHODS THEREOF

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**RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed October 3, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper; and

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.